

## Anne Fesh

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**From:** Ernie [ejonessr@bmi.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2000 2:17 PM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** In favor of FCC's July ruling

To Whom it may concern,  
Here is hoping that the FCC's ruling to put descriptive help on tv will not be changed. It is Doc. no. 99-339 . Being blind I find most tv hard to follow and hard to keep up with the main theme or thoughts of what is going on when there are long periods of silence or just music. This ruling would be a great help to me and the thousands out there who can't see the screen. I hope that the FCC does not back down due to pressure from those not wanting to comply with this ruling

Thank you,  
Ernest Jones  
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**From:** Patsy E. Jones [jones.patsy@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2000 8:59 PM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov; info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339

1822 Burnham Street  
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November 10, 2000

The Federal Communication Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to you to thank you for your courageous stand last July when you voted to order the television networks to provide video description on prime time programming in the year 2002. I believe this ruling is Docket No. 99-339.

As a person who enjoys video description on movies and some television programming, I want you to know how much I look forward to the time when this ruling takes affect. At present, I do not watch a lot of television partly due to the poor programming, but mostly due to so much visual action with so little dialogue which prevents me from following the plot. I then lose interest in the program when the plot becomes too difficult to follow.

Descriptive video is extremely important to me. If hearing impaired people need closed captioning, then visually impaired people need descriptive video. I understand that several entities interested in this subject have requested that you review your ruling. I beg you not to take this step. I understand that no new and substantive evidence has been presented to you. If this is true, why should you have to review your decision?

Thank you again for your consideration of this matter. I hope you will continue your courageous actions and decide that your original ruling is the correct one concerning Docket No. 99-339.

Sincerely yours,

Patsy Jones

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November 7, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER  
ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION

I submit this letter on behalf of my daughter, Brooke Tuttle Jostad, to request that your stand requiring television networks to begin providing video description by April, 2002 remains unchanged.

Brooke is nine years old, and has been blind since birth. She has greatly enjoyed the few videos that have been made available that are enhanced with video description. Please appreciate the fact that, for the most part, she is not able to enjoy the videos of various children's classics that most kids take for granted. I am certain that we would rely upon video description as it becomes available, and that your acts in making such services a requirement would directly benefit Brooke.

Of course, the blind and visually impaired population is a small minority in this country. The numbers, and the wealth of those numbers, could not pretend to take on the television, cable and motion picture industries. Unfortunately, even the voice of the blind and visually impaired community stands divided. These realities were obviously understood when the matter was initially passed. No new information is now being presented. Thus, there is no legal or factual justification to delay implementation of your ruling.

I respectfully request that the Reconsideration requests be denied, and that the FCC's ruling regarding video description for television programming stands firm, and that implementation plans go forward.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this submission. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

John A. Jostad

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**From:** Tom Karnes [tkarnes@tsoft.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2000 8:37 PM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov  
**Cc:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** tv description for blind

Dear Public Servants:  
Blind people watch television, too. We need descriptions so we can know what's happening. We have the civil right of access to television. Please do not reduce the access we were given in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I urge you to deny the petition that is the subject of docket #99-339

Tom Karnes K6FUN  
San Francisco  
tkarnes@tsoft.com

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**From:** S. Kashdan [s\_kashdan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2000 12:10 AM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov  
**Cc:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Re: Official Docket No. 99-339, Comments in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description

Sylvie Kashdan  
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November 7, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Official Docket No. 99-339,  
Comments in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported  
order on video description

Dear FCC commissioners:

I would like to express my appreciation for your July ruling requiring television networks to begin providing video descriptions of the key visual elements in television programming starting in April, 2002. I am a blind person who lost vision in mid life. I very much miss being able to enjoy the visual aspects of quality films, plays scientific, arts and news programs because of my vision loss. If I do not know what visual images are being presented, it is much more difficult for me to follow the presentations. Video description makes it possible for me to enjoy and understand my favorite films, plays and other programs again. Although I am able to obtain some films with video description from the library, they are few and far between, and do not generally include the high quality material I am most interested in. I therefore have been looking forward to April, 2002, when I could simply turn on my television set and utilize the video descriptions to understand the visual aspects of the programming.

I have spoken to many other blind and visually impaired people who are similarly excited about the opportunities that video description opens up for us.

I understand that you have received petitions asking you to reconsider your ruling. However, I urge you to take into account that these petitions do not provide any new information which was unknown to you at the time of your decision. I hope you will not disappoint those of us who have been looking forward to more fully participating in the cultural life of our country.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvie Kashdan

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**From:** Lynette Kersey  
[meowoof96@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2000 3:13 PM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** "Official Filings" letter to the FCC.

November 9, 2000

Lynette Kersey  
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Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC, 20554

To the Commissioners of the FCC:

I appreciate the positive vote you pass last July requiring the networks to begin providing video description to

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people who are blind and visually impaired. This is essential information that we need. It took courage for you to pass this ruling and I hope that you will not withdraw your ruling.

I have enjoyed listening to the public station in my area that has some of its shows with video description on them. It is wonderful to be able to watch TV and know all about what is going on. I have been looking forward to turning on my TV in April of 2002 and being able to enjoy all of the programs that my friends and family do even though it is in a little different way. I won't have to ask someone to tell me what is going on and that is the best of all.

We really need video description to make TV programs and movies even more enjoyable for us. Just try watching a Television show with your eyes closed and you will see what we mean yourselves. Also from what I know about this situation the petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling. This is a crucial component of any petition to reconsider.

The official Filings No. is 99-399.

I am submitting comments "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION".

Please do not change your ruling. Please stand firm on this and it ill help my friends and I in the near future.

Thank You,

Lynette Kersey

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**From:** Doris Kingsmore  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2000 12:16 AM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov  
**Cc:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339  
10/30/00

I want to express my appreciation to you, the Commissioners of the FCC, for your courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video descriptive service to people who are blind and visually impaired.

I have enjoyed video descriptive movies from the regional library for the blind, from Blockbusters (when they are available), and the few programs that come over Public Television. Now I am looking forward to April of 2002 , when i will turn on my TV and many of the programs silent and action parts will be described to me.

Stand by vote so that we who cannot see, can at least hear actions and scenery described to us. The petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling.

Doris Kingsmore  
Raleigh, NC

10/31/2000



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**From:** Dick Klass [dickklass@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2000 8:40

**To:** access@fcc.gov; info@acb.org

**Subject:** Docket No.99-339

**These comments are in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.**

I am a legally blind disabled Vietnam Vetern. I used my then perfect eyes to spot enemy positions from the air and to direct aircraft and artillery to support our troops and save US lives. As my eyes worsen, tv watching is more difficult. Fortunately for me, I will probably never lose total sight and will always be able to follow what is happening to some extent.

But what about my less fortunate colleagues? I cannot believe that a "compassionate conservative" or someone who will "fight for me", both of whom pledge to support our military and vets, would allow narrow priviledged interests to reverse the ruling in question.

I as you -- no I demand of you -- to let the ruling stand. What sort of country takes from the disadvantaged for the sake of the advantaged? Not the one I fought and nearly died for.

Sincerely,  
Richard L. Klass  
Colonel, USAF (Retired)

10/31/2000

1528 S. Grant Street  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
November 2, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Docket 99-339 In opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.

Ms Salas:

I was very pleased to learn that the FCC has adopted a rule requiring television networks to begin providing video description of key visual elements of television programming for blind and visually impaired viewers by April 2002.

As a former librarian and teacher of blind children, I am encouraged by the position of the FCC. For several years, blind and visually impaired people have been able to purchase video recordings of movies and programs that have an added DVS audio track providing description of the action on the screen, and some regular broadcast programs have also been fitted with these descriptions. But that left a large hole in the weekly schedule of network television that had no such audio descriptions. This new rule fills the bill for blind people just as captions for the deaf have helped deaf viewers to understand the dialog on the screen. That service for the deaf has been provided for at least two decades.

It is my understanding that the petitioners have not provided any new information not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling.

Please convey my opinions to the members of the FCC. They are to be commended for their considered support of services that will help television viewers who are blind and visually impaired.

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**From:** Access Access [Access@fcc.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2000 11:32 AM  
**To:** NOYGM@email.msn.com  
**Cc:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Re: TELEVISION, "VIDEO DESCRIPTION"!

Thank you for your email. We will keep a record of this.  
Disabilities Rights Office  
FCC  
Washington, DC

>>> "Ken Knight (NOYGM)" <NOYGM@email.msn.com> 10/31/00 04:11PM >>>  
01-November-2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554-0000

REFERENCE: Docket No. 99-339

SUBJECT: ?In opposition to Petitioners for Reconsideration of the Reported  
Order on Video Description¶.

I am blind. I lost my vision over quite a period of time. To adapt, I made many changes in my life. Some of these include magnifiers, large print text, readers, audio read outs and voice control of my computer. Just as deaf have close captioning on televisions, so should the blind have video description. I was first exposed to video description on VHS tapes this summer while attending Leader Dogs for the Blind training in Rochester, Michigan. It greatly improved my television entertainment and provided me with a level of program understanding that was new to me and of great improvement. Video Description should be required of all television viewing.

As an Amateur Radio Operator for many years, I use auditory readout of VFOs and radio operations to preclude any errors by myself in operations. Just as my radio equipment provides needs for me to operate given my blindness, so should television viewing be required to provide Video Description.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,  
Kenneth G. Knight  
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Cc: access@fcc.gov & info@acb.org

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**From:** norma krajczar [nfk@coastalnet.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2000 10:27 PM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Letter of Nov. 12

November 12, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

SUBJECT: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Secretary Salas:

I should like to express my comments in opposition to the request of petitioners for reconsideration of the reported Order on Video Description referenced in the above-cited docket.

May I begin by commending the Commissioners of the FCC for their sensitive and bold action in issuing this Order. In the face of obvious opposition by leaders in the media and film industries, the actions of the Commissioners displayed uncommon understanding of the difficulties faced by blind and visually impaired Americans in accessing news and entertainment in today's electronic culture, thus sharing in what our society has to offer

I have just sat down at my computer after spending two very frustrating hours attempting to follow the actions in Disney's "The Miracle Worker," a program of special interest to those of us with vision problems. A very timely example of the types of programming which would hopefully be provided with video description in the future as result of the Commissioner's order. (I should hope that the program included closed captioning for our deaf and hard of hearing friends.) Obviously, most of us know the story of Helen Keller and her teacher, but I would ask the Commissioners to take a moment and consider the details and nuances of the drama which completely escaped our attention through long episodes of sighs, inarticulate grunts, and sounds of struggle, with, of course, the usual oh so dramatic music. I happen to be a member of a support group of visually impaired persons, most of whom are very elderly, and many of whom live alone; and I cannot help but wonder how many of them tried to enjoy "The Miracle Worker," but gave up in sadness and frustration.

Incidentally, I happen to live in what we North Carolinians call "Hurricane Alley," and I must also urge the Commissioners to require news and weather outlets to provide audible representations of the weather alerts which so frequently appear in crawls at the bottom of our t.v. screens, particularly during spring, summer, and autumn. I believe very strongly that it is as important, if not more important, for us to be aware of such information as those viewers who happen to be able to see their screens. I do hope that the day will come very soon when such critical information will be available to us on the same basis as it is to our sighted peers.

At the present time I am the beneficiary of video movies with audio description secured through the NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and therefore am well aware of the great benefits of such programming. Unfortunately, our local PBS transmission facility is not equipped to transmit PBS's many fine, described programs. I do, indeed, look forward to the day when "main line" programming will be fully available to me and all who are visually impaired. I thank the commissioners for all that they may do to facilitate the coming of this "big day."

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma F. Krajczar

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**From:** Lynne & Mark Krumm [aud2@minot.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2000 11:52 AM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov; info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your vote last summer requiring TV networks to begin providing essential information service (video description) to people who are blind or visually impaired. I am writing in opposition to the petitions for reconsideration of the order on video description. It is extremely important for me to be able to have this service with my visual defect. I really look forward to being able to use video description starting in April, 2002 as I will finally be able to tell exactly what is going on in the programs that I watch. The television, cable, motion picture industry, and the National Federation of the Blind have submitted "Petitions to Reconsider" video description. These petitioners have not provided any new information (which was not known to the FCC) when the decision was made to allow for video description. So few are trying to make something good for the blind and visually impaired sound like a bad thing. Believe me it is not a bad thing. I do not understand why these petitioners do not believe that the blind have the same right to access of information that all other Americans have, including the deaf, who have had the benefits of closed captioning for years. Please do not rescind this order.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Krumm

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**From:** joseph s kuster [kjckuster@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2000 12:18 PM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov  
**Cc:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** video description

To: Federal Communications Commission

Re: Docket No. 99-339

Thank you for your positive ruling of July 21 of this year concerning video description for television programming. This is very important to me, especially since I am totally blind and have to use my other senses to glean from the television what others can see. I hope that you can stand strong and keep your decision in tact.

I have enjoyed in the past video description of documentaries on public broadcasting stations and full length movies that have been audio described. I believe that it is very important to have this alternative at least for these venues. Also, I believe that it is important to have audio description for other venues. For example, the weather warnings that appear on the bottom of the television screen I cannot read and would not know what is going on if someone else is not around. I think that these messages and others should be read so that us visually impaired persons would know of dangerous weather conditions and other things that are important enough to put on the screen. I am looking forward to having the audio description in April of 2002.

In summary, I am in opposition to the petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description. This is especially true since there is no new evidence that has not already bring brought up. Please stand by the decision of July 21 of this year and allow us to keep the video description ruling.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Kuster

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**From:** Edie Lauderback [elauderback@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2000 12:45 PM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov; info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339

I am submitting comments "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION".

I was thrilled to heard that the Commissioners of the FCC had voted to require the networks to begin providing video description of the key visual elements of television programming for the blind and visually impaired viewers.

I have a friend who is visually impaired, so i realize the importance of this ruling.

I am, therefore in favor and support of Docket No. 99-339 and hope that the FCC will not reconsider their July ruling.

Sincerely,

Edith Lauderback  
Elauderback@Yahoo.com



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**From:** Kristyn Leigh [kmleigh@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 12, 2000 5:47 PM  
**To:** access@fcc.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 99-339 Video Description

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November 8, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Secretary Salas;

I would like to express my support of the FCC Commissioners' ruling in July. I appreciate their support of both audible emergency information and video description for television programming. Therefore, I am submitting comments IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION.

Six or seven years ago I realized what a difference video description can make. Because my local public television station (WTTW in Chicago) made video description available, I was able to push the SAP button on my TV and enjoy the description that went with the mystery program. I eagerly look forward to the day when such description is available from the national networks too.

Sincerely,

Kristyn Leigh

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**From:** LeTendre [letendre@pinehurst.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2000 9:51 AM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** descriptive videos

Below is a copy of the letter that I sent to the FCC. Thank you for alerting me to the need to do this. I hope I was able to help in some small way.  
Billie

734 Sunny Slope Road  
Bear Creek, NC 27207  
October 30, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 99-339  
In Opposition to Petitioners for Reconsideration of the Reported Order  
on Video Description

To the FCC:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for their courageous vote to require networks to begin providing video description services. I feel that this is an essential service for those who are blind and visually impaired.

I am a teacher of blind and visually impaired children. This service helps my students by beginning to level the playing field. When others watch programs they are able to grasp much incidental information through vision. Often this information is paramount in understanding the verbal discussion. By presenting video description, the programming takes on a whole new meaning for those who cannot see the screen. Often it is this video description that allows these persons to extract the same information from the programming as the sighted viewer. As a teacher of blind and visually impaired, I am very well aware of the need to level the playing field of education and feel that requiring video description is a step in the right direction, not only for students but for the blind and visually impaired population in general.

Again, let me reemphasize the value of video description for my students. Since petitioners have not presented any new information that was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision, I feel that your ruling should stand and continue forward.

Sincerely,  
Billie LeTendre

## Anne Fesh

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**From:** Walnut6@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2000 9:05 PM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Docket No 99-339

Brian Lewis  
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Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am submitting this letter in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description. I was very pleased with the Commissioners of the FTC for their courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description for people who are blind and visually impaired. In fact was eagerly looking forward to April 2002, when television shows could be enjoyed by the visually impaired due to the video descriptions.

Therefore, I urge the Commissioners, since no new information has been presented, to reaffirm the value of video descriptions and to sustain the position they took in July.

Thank you.

Brian Lewis

**Anne Fesh**

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**From:** Gene Lewis [gelparks@uswest.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2000 8:02 PM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** FCC Docket No 99-339

November 1, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary

The Federal Communications Commission

445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW

Washington , DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 99-339

It has come to my attention that the July 2<sup>st</sup> ruling of the FCC about providing video description for Television programming is receiving petitions to reconsider this ruling.

I am legally blind, not total blind and am aware of the help this video description can be for those with low and/or no vision.

This year I have spent about 10 weeks at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center at the V A in Palo Alto California. There were usually about 30 of us there at a time, all were blind with 5 or 6 in the total blind situation. I served as class president for about half of that time so was very aware of the handicap of those who are legal blind or more.

The V A did have a few tapes of old movies with audio description which were watched and listened to every week. These few movies were looked forward to as well as the operas we were taken to which had the audio description. I have seen a total of 3 such operas.

I often helped and sat by a fellow well into his 60s who had been total blind for 25 years. He often made the comment that he was very much aware of what was happening in the opera and on the movie tape with the sounds coming from them and with the audio description. These movies and operas were something he could enjoy and more fully realize what was happening on the screen or stage.

In my case I have Mac. D. and still have some vision. I have not been able to drive for 4 ½ years and can not read unless enlarged with a CCTV or other devise.

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Working on this letter I have Zoom Text and it is running at 6 power. Without these devises to aid with my vision loss, it would make me realize how helpless and worthless my life

could be with aides to help offset vision loss.

I really urge you not to reverse or reconsider your ruling of July 29<sup>th</sup>. I have worked all my life, and only in the last 5 years has this loss of vision forced me to retire. These aids as well as the audio descriptions are things that help make life worthwhile with this loss of vision and the handicap it causes.

I do not understand how those making the patitions could have any new information that was not available when your ruling was made. Please do not make our world any worse than it has to be. It is so very discouraging to lose our vision and I do feel so sorry for those I was associated with at Western Blind Rehabilitation Center who had little or no vision. I thank the good Lord everyday for what vision I still have.

Very truly yours

Gene Lewis

801 N. Park Shadows Circle

Bountiful, Utah 84010

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**From:** Walnut6@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2000 9:09 PM  
**To:** info@acb.org  
**Subject:** Docket No 99-339

Linda L. Lewis  
629 Bashford Road  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am submitting this letter in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description. I was very pleased with the Commissioners of the FTC for their courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description for people who are blind and visually impaired. In fact was eagerly looking forward to April 2002, when television shows could be enjoyed by the visually impaired due to the video descriptions.

Therefore, I urge the Commissioners, since no new information has been presented, to reaffirm the value of video descriptions and to sustain the position they took in July.

Thank you.

Linda L. Lewis

**Anne Fesh**

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**From:** Rosanna Lippen [lippen@gate.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2000 7:47 PM

**To:** access@fcc.gov; info@acb.org; William C Erdman; white cane bullitin; Warren Clary; Vera Johnson; Tricia Robbins; Sila Miller; Sharon k youngs; rosemary chmiel; robert miller; ROB RISAVY; Richard Giombetti; Paula marshall; Paul Edwards; Moses McKnight; mary crampton; MARK J GANNON; MarilynWrightE@aol. com; Linda and Eric Jacobson; Lillian P Reilly; Lesa B Kretchmer; lee stallsworth; Kathleen warth; jose isquerda; Jesus Garcia; James R Warth; J. R. Vaughn; HNunez6529@cs. com; Gayle Krause; gary metzler; Elaine Morgan; don risavy; Dennis Hodos; Carrie; Carl McCoy; carl e foley; Bobbie H Probst; betty barlow; BEN BAZO; Angelo Baglieri; alice warth; betty dietz; debbie grub; Delores Wussler; doug and nancy hall; elizabeth bowden; james Dailing; james kracht; jason goldfield; Jeanne Sanders; john richards; JUNE KINARD; leonard plotkin; Nancy Folsom; nigel richards; Patti; paul morline

**Subject:** SAVE VIDEO DESCRIPTION

**Hi all,**

**Following is the letter I am mailing on behalf of FCCLV. Please do your part to help save TV video description. Write to this same person as soon as possible prior to November 10th. Be sure to include the docket # and "IN OPPOSITION..." and e mail if you can to [access@fcc.gov](mailto:access@fcc.gov) and [info@acb.org](mailto:info@acb.org). Go for it! And ask all you know to help in this effort!**

October 30, 2000

To: Magalie Salas, Secretary

The Federal Communications Commission

445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 99-339

IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON

10/31/2000

## VIDEO DESCRIPTION

Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of the Florida Council of Citizens with Low Vision, a 700 plus member organization of persons who are visually impaired, it is a necessity for those of us who cannot see a screen fully to have an alternate means, such as video description so we can have equal access to what is happening on television.

Watching descriptive video movies, we look forward to the time when we can turn our TV on and enjoy the same television show the remainder of the population watches and know what is occurring on screen. We anxiously look forward to this happening in April 2002.

Video description gives the blind and low vision populations equal access to what the "sighted world sees".

The FCC reached its decision and issued a ruling. Far be it now, for you to consider any petition against this.

We hope this helps you reconsider any action to delay the start of this necessary part of our lives.

In advance thank you,

Respectfully,

Rosanna M. Lippen

President

Florida Council of Citizens with Low Vision

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I want to express my appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for the vote requiring the networks to begin providing a video description of the key visual elements of television programming for the blind and visually impaired viewers. I have been visually impaired all of my life but I have recently lost so much of my visual ability that I can no longer see anything on our television. I understand that the networks are to provide video description by April, 2002. I am really looking forward to enjoying television again with my family and understanding the visual content as the rest of my family does.

This letter is written in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description (Docket No. 99-339). Video description has great value to the low vision and blind community. Additionally, the petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling. Please do not allow this valuable service to be denied to people who so badly want to be able to share in life as everyone else does.

Sincerely,

Robert Lockwood